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Attorney Docket No. 2150

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
NOVIK et al.

Group Art Unit: 2126

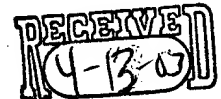
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 12, 2002, applicants elect Group II (claims 11-20) and hereby formally cancel Group I (claims 1-10).

**REMARKS**

A timely examination on the merits is respectfully requested. If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

Respectfully submitted,

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